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FUNDS TO NGOS UNDER GARBAGE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and non governmental organisations have applied for financial assistance for garbage management projects;

(b) if so the details of the applications received in this regard and approved by the government during the last three years and current year, till date so far;

(c) whether the scheme to crack awareness about environment are being regulated by the Ministry; and

(d) if so the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has provided financial assistance to the Central and the State Pollution Control Boards for strengthening their infrastructure for the implementation of environmental regulations including the Municipal Solid wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000. An amount of Rs. 250.53 Lakhs has been released to thirty-three Pollution Control Boards/committees in the past two years. Proposals have been received from various organisations including Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi; National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur; Environmental Protection Training and Research Institute, Hyderabad; Pollution Control Research Institute, Haridwar; Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi; National Productivity Council, New Delhi as well as NGOs like Chintan Environmental Action Group, New Delhi. In this regard, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has released Rs. 113.24 Lakhs for undertaking various projects and programmes related to garbage management. Also, the CPCB has provided financial support to NGOs for creating awareness relating to garbage management. Rs 2.6 Lakhs has been released in the past three years for this purpose.

Besides this, during 1999-2001, the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation under the scheme on balanced and integrated use of fertilisers, provided financial support to the extent of 399.52 lakhs for setting up of compost plants.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests through its National Environmental Awareness Campaign is creating awareness amongst the public. Rs 414 Lakhs has been earmarked for the current financial year and 8061 proposals have been recommended for implementation under this scheme. Further, for creating mass awareness about the environment through electronic media during 2002-2003, Ministry of Environment has entered into an arrangement with Doordarshan and the Discovery channel.